

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hideaki SUGIYA et al.

Serial No. 10/686,514

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No. 6724

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Examiner: Mark Hellner

For: AN OPTICAL AMPLIFIER AND AN OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2011.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.